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Senior Center Hours
Mon-Fri
8:30am-4pm

Medical
Equipment
Availability
Mon-Fri
9am-Noon

Next Rummage
Sale is March
14-16th – we are
accepting items!

February 2024

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter



Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes January 8th, 2024



Present: President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker, Secretary, Jane Rutherford, Connie, Hyde, Dennis Dahl, LeRoy Lanphear, Marla Loken, Carol Vercoe, Carol Hess, Treasurer Alyce Harich, and Executive Director Stephanie Crago. The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the last meeting stood as written.

Members Jane Mattson and Barb Sulzback also attended the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for December was \$805.

Director's Report: Stephanie reported that 492 newsletters were mailed out for the month of January. Edgewood Vista and Spearfish Insurance Brokers will sponsor our newsletter for 2024. We also continue to receive grant funds.

Visitors: Megan Berberick, Edward Jones Investments, presented us with a yearly update of the Senior Center's investments. Mike Post, Contractor, gave an update regarding heat tape for the roof.

Old Business: The Budget Committee met January 8th. Report pending.

New Business: Carol Hess made a motion to table heat tape installation in lieu of continuing contract with Tyson Almanza of Tyson Lawn Services to shovel snow off the roof. Marla seconded. All in favor. Taffy made a motion to keep existing heat tape plugged in 24/7. Carol Hess seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane Rutherford, Secretary



Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 9:30AM. Board Meetings are open to all Senior Center Members.





CARAMEL ROLLS & COFFEE

Thursdays 9am-10:30am

*Limit of 4 rolls until 10:30am for take-out so we can make sure and have enough for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Open to the public!

Invite your neighbors, family, & friends!

Welcome New Members:

Olin & Lynne Quissell, Orin Bader, Claudia Christensen, Cynthia Caillier, Caroline Standen, Larry & Tammy Jaudon, Vic & Donna Fondy, Nancy Martin, Eleanor Weber, Edith Hooper, Julie Chapman, Jill Raad, & Marilyn Halse.

Reminder: If school closes due to INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS the Senior Center is ALSO CLOSED, or if school starts LATE, the Center also opens LATE.

Also, beware of snow and ice in the parking lot! The parking lot has areas where when snow melts it turns to ice overnight—be very careful! We do our best to keep sidewalks clear but ice in the parking lot does happen.

Please use extreme caution.

Everyone be safe this winter!



President's message

A big "Thank You" to everyone who paid their 2024 membership dues prior to year-end! We hope that you enjoyed the free breakfast in January. And, thank you to Karen Buchholz for always doing such a great job preparing for and managing our breakfasts.

We consciously try to keep our membership dues low, and even with the cost of insurance, utilities, supplies, food, and overhead continuing to rise, we managed to keep dues at the same price again this year so that we can all enjoy this wonderful facility.

We have recently received some nice donations, which really help in keeping the Center running. I would ask that you consider donating to the Center when you can.

Ginger Childers, President



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February



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Make plans to attend the Fundraising Birthday Luncheon!

FEBRUARY 2nd at 11:30am

MENU: Hearty beef stew, cornbread, & dessert
\$8 Donation

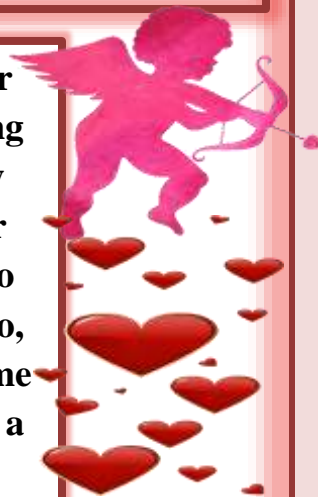
Guest Speaker will be Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Roses by Zonta for all Birthday honorees!

Special Music by Ivan Kloefkorn & Arne Koski

Members who celebrate a B-Day this month eat for FREE! Open to the public!

Check out our book & puzzle library. Our librarians Irma & Mimi work hard keeping our library organized and fresh with new books! Our library is a free service to our seniors. It is an honor system so no need to sign out items. Just return when done. Also, consider going through your library at home and donating books. Many of us are doing a lot of reading these cold winter months!



MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Saturday, Feb. 24th

7:30am-10am

MENU: Pancakes, sausage patty, scrambled eggs OR Biscuits with sausage gravy, scrambled eggs served with coffee & orange juice.

\$8 donation.

Our breakfasts are open to the public, please bring your friends, family, & neighbors to this great fundraiser! Monthly breakfasts are a great opportunity to volunteer at the Center. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Buchholz or Stephanie!

Save the date! BINGO with
Nicole McCort Mutual of
Omaha March 8th @ 1PM.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Spearfish Senior Center is a non-profit organization committed to providing recreational, social, and educational opportunities for adults over fifty years of age.

IN LOVING
Memory

Our deepest condolences are sent out to the families of Howard Owens, Gary Bonefield, Al Williams, & Jerome Harvey. They will be missed dearly. Your Senior Center family has you all in our thoughts during this time of loss.

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Board Members Marla & Connie always willing to pitch in! Serving Soup at our Souper Starz fundraising dinner! Thank you Stadium & Debbie Siemonsma for donating the soup, & Mediation Matters for the dessert!



We had an incredible evening fundraising and spreading awareness for some deserving organizations in our community. Together, we raised a grand total of \$2,465!!! We want to give a special “thank you” to tonight’s presenters, for taking time out of their week to share their missions and all they do for our community.

We’re also incredibly grateful for the sponsors that make these events possible! Thank you to:

*Stadium Sports Grill and Debbie Oakland Siemonsma from CENTURY 21 Spearfish Realty for the delicious soup!

*The dessert team from Mediation Matters for making tonight extra sweet.

*Our host and team of outstanding volunteers from the Spearfish Senior Center

*And our Corporate Sponsors for sweetening the pot for each event!!! Spencer Rossi - Top Shelf Realty, 2BrokeGirls Boutique, EDGE SPORTS, White's Queen City Motors - Chevrolet & Buick, Jodi Garcia - State Farm Agent, Schlimgen Law Firm, LLC, The Barn At Aspen Acres, Lamb Painting, Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc., Johner Paving, Black Hills Equipment Rentals, and David J.

Save the date for our next Souper Starz Dinner on March 19!

FEBRUARY 2024



Happy Birthday to all our January friends!
We enjoyed a fun luncheon filled with friends and great food. Our next Birthday Luncheon is Feb 2nd!



Chris Davis with Good Shepherd Clinic speaking at our Luncheon.



A picture from 2022 of The Spearfish Senior Center receiving the check from the Souper Starz Event that was held at The Barn at Aspen Acres.



Table of roses and desserts! Thank you Carol Vercoe for baking the cakes and thank you to ZONTA Club of Spearfish for the beautiful roses each month.

Today is the oldest you have ever been, and the youngest you'll ever be again, so make the most of it and enjoy the rest of your life!

Board of Directors

Ginger Childers, President
Taffy Tucker, Vice President
Jane Rutherford, Secretary

Board Members

Connie Hyde
Dennis Dahl
Carol Vercoe
Carol Hess
Marla Loken
LeRoy Lanphear

Alyce Harich, Treasurer
Stephanie Crago, Executive Director

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Annual Senior Center Membership is \$30 per person. Lifetime Membership is available to those over 65 for \$300. You can stop in and pay or send in your membership. Checks payable to Spearfish Senior Center. Your membership keeps our Senior Center active & thriving!

Black Hills Better Breathers

The first Friday of the month from 1:30-2:30pm. Next meeting will be Friday 1/5/24 here at the Senior Center.

A community for individuals with lung conditions and their caregivers in the Black Hills, providing education, support, and opportunities to connect. We offer guest speakers, problem-solving sessions, and resources for maintaining a happy and healthy life while managing conditions like COPD, asthma, pulmonary hypertension, and pulmonary fibrosis, all in collaboration with the American Lung Association.

www.phassociation.org

Contact Madison 605-644-6370 for more information on this group.

We need help setting up tables and chairs & taking down for our fundraisers & events. If you are willing to help set up please sign up with Stephanie in the office. THANK YOU!

LIFE BEGINS AT 80

By Frank Laubach

I have good news for you.

The first 80 years are the hardest.

The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties.

Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps.

If you forget your name or anybody else's name, or an appointment, or your own telephone number, or promise to be three places at the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only to explain that you are 80.

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70.

At 70, people are mad at you for everything.

At 80, you have a perfect excuse, no matter what you do.

If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood.

Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

Being 70 is no fun at all.

At that age, they expect you to retire to a house in Florida, and complain about your arthritis, and you ask everybody to stop mumbling because you can't understand them.

(Actually, your hearing is about 50 percent gone.)

If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect just for having lived so long.

Actually, they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly.

So please, folks, try to make to 80.

It's the best time of life.

People forgive you for anything.

If you ask me, life begins at 80.



Our Center made \$57.00 last month from people using their cards!

Safeway Community Giving Cards are \$10-it is pre-loaded with \$10 so is NO COST TO YOU! The card can be loaded with any amount up to \$500 & refill when needed. The card can be used to buy groceries AND gas. 3% of purchases made at Safeway using the Community Giving Card is then returned to the Senior Center.





Board Member Spotlight Karen Buchholz

Family Members: From a family of 6 boys and 4 girls.

Where did you grow up?
Andover, SD.

Past work or past work highlights: Started working at 14, waiting tables. Came to Spearfish in 1960, waitressed then did home care for 30 years mainly for the elderly.

Hobbies/Interests: Puzzles, games, & reading.

Current involvement in the Senior Center: I do the meals for monthly breakfast & rummage sales. Making meals for the workers.

Favorite activity at the Senior Center: Just visiting and volunteering any place that is needed.

What do you love most about the Senior Center: The people we meet, coffee, & volunteering. Coffee with friends at the Center starts my day!

No doubt Karen puts in a lot of time at our Senior Center. Karen and her husband Roger are always hard at work fixing, cleaning, & helping. In order to catch up with Karen you will need to RUN! She is always on the go, and always smiling. She keeps everything working and running and we so appreciate her dedication!

FEBRUARY 2024



Need Greeting Cards?

Check our assortment of greeting cards! Cards are available for a donation. Stop and take a look! We have Valentine Cards!!!

Scoreboard DEC 2023

Whist	Marla Loken	55
Hand & Foot	MaryAnn Waitas	17,430
10 Point Pitch	Betty Weyrauch	196
Bridge	Judy Woodworth	3,910
Bunco	Barb Sulzbach	533
Wed Pinochle	Marla Loken	6,860
Wed Mahjongg	Mary Wilson	630
PM Mahjongg	Mary Wilson	750
Texas Holdem	Connie Wagner	250
Dominoes	LeRoy Lanphear	143
Thur Dup Bridge		
	Darleen Plunkett & MaryAnn Kortmeyer	72.50
Fri Pinochle	Virgil Dodson	6,330
Fri Mahjongg	Mary Wilson	
Sat Dup Bridge		
	Bob Geroch & Mary Sampson	66.67

Would you like the monthly newsletter e-mailed to you? If so, e-mail us at srcenternewsletter@gmail.com

Thank you MDU for the recent grant of \$1,000! This will go towards security cameras.

Looking for a place to hold your meeting or event? Our building can be rented for a reasonable fee. Contact the office to reserve a date!

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Next Fundraising Rummage Sale

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